



### **MANCHESTER ROAD RACE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

The Manchester Road Race Committee announced today that donations totaling \$100,180 will be made to 19 charitable and non-profit organizations from the proceeds of last year's Thanksgiving Day run.

The biggest bequest---a check for \$20,000---will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund. Race organizers have been raising money to fight the crippling disease since the early 1950s.

Donations of \$10,000 will be made to the Manchester Police Activities League (for its youth programs), to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (for its work with the needy), and to the Manchester Army & Navy Club (for repairs at its Main Street headquarters).

Goodwin College will receive \$7,500 to build a multi-use accessible trail along the Connecticut River. A grant of \$6,100 will go to Imagine Main Street, for its arts cultural programs in Manchester's downtown historical district. The Road Race will also send \$5,000 to the Blue Angels Foundation to help fund its annual Christmas party for underprivileged children,

Other donations will include: Food Share (\$5,000); Manchester High School Track Program (\$5,000); UNICO (\$5,000); Journal Inquirer Track Meet (\$ 4,000); Wickham Park (\$4000); New Seasons Inc. (\$2,180); Dance Art Wheels Foundation (\$2,000); Manchester Civilian Emergency Response Team (\$2,000); Bennett Academy Cross Country Running Club (\$1,000); K9 CS, Inc. (\$500); Charcot Marie Tooth Foundation (\$500) and the Bolton Summer Cross Country Series (\$400).

"We are so pleased that the Manchester Road race can assist the vital work being done by all of these organizations," said Dr. Tris Carta, President of the Manchester Road Race Committee. "Thanks to the generosity of our runners, sponsors, volunteers and supporters, our one-day event benefits the community 365 days a year,"

The Manchester Road Race, which began in 1927 with 12 runners and now attracts approximately 15,000 entrants each year, is held every Thanksgiving Day. It starts at 10 a.m. on Main Street, in front of St. James Church, and is run on a 4.748-mile loop course through the town's central streets. More information about the race is available at [www.manchesterroadrace.com](http://www.manchesterroadrace.com).